

# General Information about Japan

## CLIMATE

The average temperature in Sapporo during the period of the Meeting will be around 14-22 degree Celsius.

## PASSPORTS AND VISA REQUIREMENT

Every foreign visitor entering Japan must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries whose citizens must have visas should apply to Japanese consular office of diplomatic mission in their respective country.

\*Please refer to the below list of countries and regions that have Visa exemption arrangements with Japan.

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

For further details, please contact your travel agent or the local consular office. If required, please notify the IGU Committee Meeting Registration office ([igu@w-post.jp](mailto:igu@w-post.jp)) as early as possible and provide a tentative or planned itinerary with the information filling in the Visa Support Form.

## CURRENCY

Only Japanese yen is acceptable at regular shops and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

## TRAVELER'S CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS

Traveler's checks are acceptable only at major banks and hotels in major cities, and the use of traveler's checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

## ELECTRICITY

Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan, but with two different cycles: 50 Hertz in eastern Japan including Tokyo and Sapporo, and 60 Hertz in western Japan including Kyoto and Osaka. Major hotels in big cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only. (plug type A)



## INTERNET

Free internet access in your room. (No WiFi)

You can use WiFi in a hotel lounge, lobby, and meeting places.

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist information is available on the Internet at

<http://www.welcome.city.sapporo.jp/english/>

<http://www.conventionsapporo.jp/>

You can find the information whatever you are finding, such as sightseeing, transportation, tradition etc...



## TIPPING

In Japan, tips are not necessary anywhere, even at hotels and restaurants.

## SHOPPING

Shops and other sales outlets in Japan are generally open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well as weekdays from 10:00 to 20:00. Department stores, however, are closed during one weekday, differing by store, and certain specialty shops may not open on Sundays and national holidays.

These are recommend places for shopping in Sapporo central area.

### **Sapporo Stellar place** Chuo-ku North 5 West 2

A large shopping mall, connected to Daimaru Department Store and other shopping malls.

Perfect place for enjoy shopping and eating.

It has also direct access to JR Sapporo Station and Subway Sapporo Station.

-Shopping floor(B1F~6F)

Open AM10:00-ClosePM9:00

-Dining floor(6F)

Open AM11:00-ClosePM11:00



### **Bic Camera** Chuo-ku North 5 West 2

Mainly electronics, Food hall and 100 yen-shop on basement floors. Clothing, general stores, and restaurants on upper floors. South side of Sapporo Station, connected to Sapporo Station

Open AM10:00-ClosePM9:00

### **Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade**

The oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo, stretching east to west from West 1 to West 7, between South 2 and South 3. (Total strength is about 900m). Traditional types of souvenir shops, markets, restaurants, etc. You can enjoy a comfortable shopping without having to worrying about rain, or strong sunshine.

Open AM10:00-ClosePM8:00 (It depends on shops)



### **Don quijote** Chuo-ku South2 West3

A large discount shop in Sapporo central area.

They have various kinds of products such as foods, cosmetics,

alcohol, clothes, daily use equipments, electric appliances, etc...

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OpenAM10:00-CloseAM5:00

## DUTY FREE IMPORT

Personal effects and professional equipment can be brought into Japan duty free as long as the customs officer deems their contents and quantities reasonable. You can also bring in 400 cigarettes, 500 grams of tobacco or 100 cigars; 3 bottles of alcoholic beverages; 2 ounces of perfume; and gifts and souvenirs whose total market price is less than 200,000 yen or its equivalent. There is no allowance for tobacco or alcoholic beverages for persons aged 19 years or younger. Strictly prohibited are firearms and other types of weapons, and narcotics.

## Access from New Chitose Airport to Renaissance Sapporo Hotel

### 1. Limousine Bus

Take the Hotel Round Bus and get off at “Sapporo Renaissance Hotel”

From New Chitose Airport				
10	10	25	40	55
11	10	25	40	55
12	10	40	55	
13	10	40	55	
14	10	40	55	
15	10	40	55	
16	25	40	55	
17	25	40	55	
18	25	40	55	
19	25			

This time table is from ANA gate. 2 min later from JAL gate. Bus stop: 22

\*For the time schedule, please inquire the Hokuto Kotsu ticket counter in New Chitose Airport.

\*Duration: approximately 65min. Ticket fee is ¥1,000.

### 2. Train and Taxi

(1) Take the JR train and get off at Sapporo station.

Please check out this Time table from New Chitose Airport to Sapporo Station below.

From New Chitose Airport Station				
8		17	34	49
9	4	19	34	49
10	4	19	34	49
11	4	19	34	49
12	4	19	34	49
13	4	19	34	49
14	4	19	34	49
15	4	19	34	49
16	4	19	34	49
17	4	19	34	49
18	4	19	34	49
19	4	19	34	49
20	4	19	34	49
21	4	16	30	50
22	00	14	31	50

\*rapid train

\*Duration: approximately 35min. Ticket fee is ¥1,040.

(2) Take a taxi from Sapporo station to Sapporo Renaissance Hotel.

It takes only 10min. Taxi fee is almost ¥800.

Credit card is not accepted. Cash only.

Please show the hotel's name in Japanese (below) to the taxi driver when you are in trouble to tell him where your hotel is.

「ルネッサンスサッポロホテル」

**Application and Payment for Hotel**

Acceptable credit cards: 1. VISA 2. MasterCard 3.Diners Club 4. AMEX 5. JCB

**Cancellation**

In the event of cancellation, written notification should be sent to IGU Committee Meeting Registration Office.

9days before .....10% of daily room charge

1day before.....20%of daily room charge

On the day of arrival..... 80% of daily room charge

No notice given.....100% of daily room charge

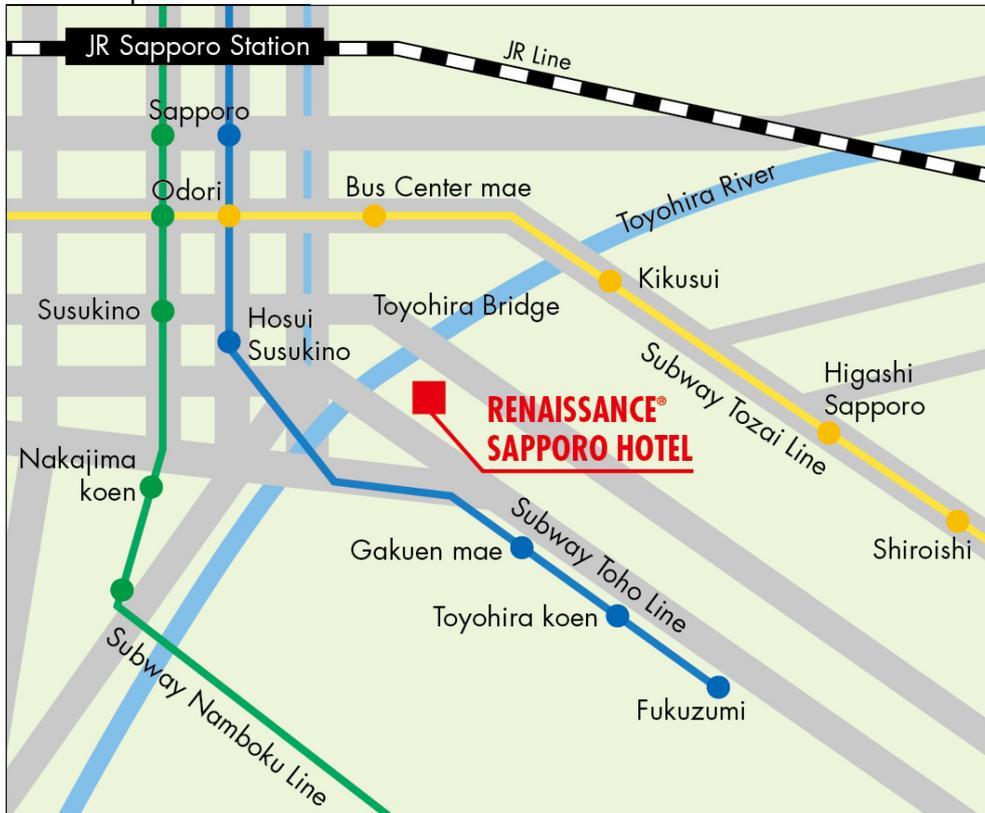
**About Renaissance Sapporo Hotel** (ルネッサンスサッポロホテル)

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\*Hotel Map.



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